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RELEASE OF WORLD EMP LYMENT REPORT BY ILO
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether ILO has release its world employment report 2001;

(b) if so, whether despite the growing potential in information technology to create jobs and super development the global employment picture remain deeply flowed especially in respect of India;

(c) whether the Government have gone through the main aspects of ILO report in regard to India;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether inspite of best talent in the IT in India, the country has not provided sufficient opportunities of employment; and

(f) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) The World Employment Report has indicated that global employment situation isimproving but remains "deeply flawed" in many areas, but there are no specific references to India in the above remarks.

c) Yes, Sir.

d) The World Employment Report has brought out that only about one half of the world'spopulation has access to the electricity, phone-lines and other infrastructure necessary to enable them to adopt information technologies in production and consumption; that leaves a large proportion of the world population at a significant disadvantage. The report also indicates that the software industry in India which grew at an annual rate of over 50% during the 1990's is one of its spectacular achievements and has created thousands of jobs.

e) & f) The employment opportunities in IT industry are expanding. However, some of the ITprofessionals are leaving the country for better employment opportunities. This movement of knowledge workers increases the long-term opportunities of Indian IT companies in the global market. Government of India is adopting measures to strengthen the infrastructure and promoting of venture creation, thereby encouraging IT companies to set up off-shore software development and IT enabled services.